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RESPONSE
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HU *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/472,067

Filed: December 23, 1999

For: **Nucleic Acid Ladders**

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Examiner: Zara, J.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4340002/RWE/BJD

Reply To Final Office Action Under 37 CFR § 1.116

Attn: Box AF

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **October 25, 2001**¹, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 11), the period for reply having been extended one (1) month by petition and payment of the appropriate fee, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

¹In the present Office Action, the Examiner has identified the FIRST NAMED INVENTOR as "Hartley." Applicants note, however, that the first named inventor should properly be "Hu." *See, e.g.*, the previous Office Action (Paper No. 6). Applicants respectfully request correction of this discrepancy on the record, and in future communications.